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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS AGAINST THE
MENINGOCOCCAL VIRUS AND HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-204a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2020*):

4 (a) Each local or regional board of education, or similar body
5 governing a nonpublic school or schools, shall require each child to be
6 protected by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis,
7 tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus
8 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule for
9 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f before being
10 permitted to enroll in any program operated by a public or nonpublic
11 school under its jurisdiction. Before being permitted to enter seventh
12 grade, a child shall receive a second immunization against measles.
13 Before being permitted to enter ninth grade, a child shall be protected
14 by adequate immunization against human papillomavirus in
15 accordance with the recommendations of the National Centers for

16 Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on
17 Immunization Practices. Before being permitted to enter twelfth grade,
18 a child shall receive a booster dose of the meningococcal conjugate
19 vaccine in accordance with the recommendations of the National
20 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on
21 Immunization Practices and a child who did not receive an
22 immunization against human papillomavirus on or before his or her
23 fifteenth birthday shall be protected by adequate immunization against
24 human papillomavirus in accordance with the recommendations of
25 said advisory committee. Any such child who (1) presents a certificate
26 from a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered
27 nurse or local health agency stating that initial immunizations have
28 been given to such child and additional immunizations are in process
29 under guidelines and schedules specified by the Commissioner of
30 Public Health; or (2) presents a certificate from a physician, physician
31 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse stating that in the
32 opinion of such physician, physician assistant or advanced practice
33 registered nurse such immunization is medically contraindicated
34 because of the physical condition of such child; or (3) presents a
35 statement from the parents or guardian of such child that such
36 immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child
37 or the parents or guardian of such child, which statement shall be
38 acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34
39 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of record or a family support
40 magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (C) a
41 town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of the peace, (F) an
42 attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G) notwithstanding any
43 provision of chapter 6, a school nurse; or (4) in the case of measles,
44 mumps or rubella, presents a certificate from a physician, physician
45 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse or from the director of
46 health in such child's present or previous town of residence, stating
47 that the child has had a confirmed case of such disease; or (5) in the
48 case of hemophilus influenzae type B has passed his fifth birthday; or
49 (6) in the case of pertussis, has passed his sixth birthday, shall be
50 exempt from the appropriate provisions of this section. If the parents

51 or guardians of any child are unable to pay for such immunizations,
52 the expense of such immunizations shall, on the recommendations of
53 such board of education, be paid by the town. Before being permitted
54 to enter seventh grade, ninth grade and twelfth grade, the parents or
55 guardian of any child who is exempt on religious grounds from the
56 immunization requirements of this section, pursuant to subdivision (3)
57 of this subsection, shall present to such school a statement that such
58 immunization requirements are contrary to the religious beliefs of such
59 child or the parents or guardian of such child, which statement shall be
60 acknowledged, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1-32, 1-34
61 and 1-35, by (A) a judge of a court of record or a family support
62 magistrate, (B) a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, (C) a
63 town clerk, (D) a notary public, (E) a justice of the peace, (F) an
64 attorney admitted to the bar of this state, or (G) notwithstanding any
65 provision of chapter 6, a school nurse.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-204a(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To require immunizations against the meningococcal virus and human papillomavirus.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]